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Welcome to the City of Clarksburg newsletter! We are excited to have this dialogue with you and we anticipate fruitful discussions about the varying topics and issues facing our community. One of the top priorities for our Council is to strengthen the lines of communication between residents and Council. City matters affect our everyday lives, and this newsletter is part of the efforts of our Council to ensure that information is available to all community members.



We will strive to deliver timely information related to ongoing projects, community-based initiatives, open house events, current events and decision-making by the Council and staff. You can also find the City of Clarksburg on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Instagram. As well, we encourage community members to contact Council or staff with any and all inquiries, concerns or comments. We are here to assist you.

May Proclaimed Mental Health Awareness Month

In a significant move to prioritize mental health within the community, the City of Clarksburg, West Virginia, has officially declared May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month. Council Member Wright announced the proclamation with a strong message about the importance of mental health as a vital component of overall well-being.



Mental Health Awareness Month aims to address the critical issues surrounding mental health conditions that affect one in five American adults annually. The initiative underscores the challenges everyone faces that can impact their mental health, promoting a comprehensive understanding within the community.

The proclamation encourages all Clarksburg residents to take proactive steps towards educating themselves and others about mental health. This includes understanding conditions, treatment options, and the resources available. It also calls on the community to challenge the existing stigma around mental health by adopting respectful and inclusive attitude when discussing it.

Residents are urged to seek help if they are struggling and to support others who may be facing similar challenges. Additionally, the proclamation highlights the importance of supporting organizations that offer mental health

services and advocacy, creating safe and supportive environments for open discussions, and fostering an environment where mental well-being is a shared community priority.

What the City is Doing to Help

As Mental Health Awareness Month progresses, Clarksburg aims to become a community where every individual feels empowered to prioritize their mental health and seek necessary support. The Mayor's office and local organizations plan to host various activities and workshops throughout the month to educate and engage the public in meaningful ways.



This city-wide initiative marks a crucial step towards breaking down the barriers associated with mental health and building a supportive framework for all residents to thrive emotionally and psychologically.

If you have any questions about Mental Health Awareness Month or would like to participate as a resource provider, please reach out to:

Dr. Shana Nicholson

Director of Grant Programs and Community Development
snicholson@cityofclarksburgwv.com

From the Clarksburg Police

Patrolman Jaron Morris Graduates

Congratulations to Patrolman Morris on his graduation from the West Virginia State Police Academy. Morris just finished 15 weeks of training and returned for additional training with a seasoned Clarksburg Police Officer.



Police Officers will receive an annual salary of \$58,810.



Testing for New Officers

Clarksburg Police are testing for new officers. Do you or someone you know have what it takes? Starting pay for a probationary Police Officer is \$57,132. After the one (1) year probation period,

Upcoming Testing Dates:

Saturdays. May 25, June 1 & 8 @9AM at Robert C. Byrd High School. Questions, call City Clerk Annette Wright at 304-624-1673 or e-mail awright@cityofclarksburgwv.com

From the Code Enforcement Department

Sidewalk Reimbursement Application Opens for 2024

The City of Clarksburg is excited to announce the 2024 Sidewalk Reimbursement Program. This initiative provides financial assistance for property owners looking to improve sidewalks and curbs around their properties.

Many people incorrectly believe that the City is responsible for the maintenance and repair of curbs and sidewalks that abut private property. It is, in fact, the responsibility of the property owner to maintain the sidewalk and curbing adjacent to their property.

As established in the Codified Ordinances of the City of Clarksburg.

913.13 DUTY OF ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNER:

The property owner or agent of any house or property within the City shall have the sole and exclusive duty to keep sidewalks, curbs or driveways [abutting their property] in good repair and in a clear and sanitary condition free from dirt and refuse.

2024 Program Dates

Application Period: 05/03/2024 - 06/04/2024

Building Permit Dates: 06/17/2024 - 08/13/2024

Must Be Completed By: 08/13/2024

Submit for Reimbursement By: 08/13/2024

More information and application available on the city website.

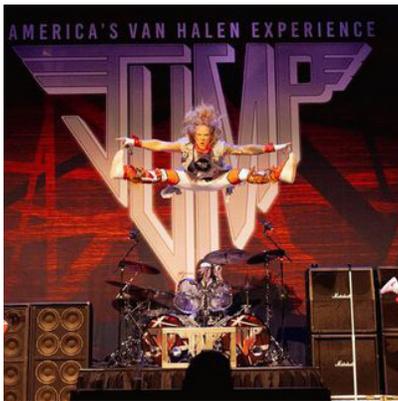
From Clarksburg City Parks

EXCITING CHANGES AT OUR CITY PARKS!

The Parks Department has been busy over the past few months preparing the city's 18 parks, including ball fields, playgrounds, and dog parks, for the busy season ahead. "Our crews use a significant amount of gasoline because the spring weather accelerates grass growth, but they've managed to keep up and have done a fantastic job maintaining the parks," said Director Doug Comer.

As summer approaches and school winds down, park usage increases. The end of the school year brings field days and baseball tournaments, and warmer weather attracts more visitors for walks and recreation. Starting at the end of May, a series of events, including concerts, pool openings, and mini golf, will mark the beginning of the summer festivities.

"Our board of directors aimed to enhance our facilities, focusing on key attractions, and their efforts are now visible," Comer explained. He noted that Memorial Day weekend would draw a crowd, including former residents returning to visit family and friends, providing various entertainment options.



The celebration kicks off on May 24th with a concert by JUMP, a David Lee Roth era tribute band from Ohio, at the Amphitheater. They will perform hits from the mid-70s to the 80s, such as "Panama" and "Get Me a Doctor." The weekend will conclude with a

performance by local band Queen City Funk & Soul, who will play classic 70s funk and soul, featuring an impressive horn section.

Comer is optimistic about the weather for Memorial Day weekend, expecting the parks to be full. "The music will be a great social activity, and with the Splash Zone open, families can enjoy the sun and cool off in the pool," he said, hoping for a tailgate-like atmosphere.

Aside from the weekend's events, the park recently received a Land & Water Conservation Fund grant to build a new pickleball and tennis area, replacing outdated courts. Despite delays due to a wet

spring, the new facilities are expected to be a top recreational spot in the area.

Improvements have also been made to Frank Loria baseball field this spring, including new turf at key spots. The work was completed quickly, allowing nearly 50 games to be played on the improved surface since.

Additionally, the Dog Park has seen new features added, including a "memorial bridge" where visitors can attach tags in memory of loved ones, reminiscent of the "locks of love" bridges in Europe.



Significant changes have also been made to the mini-golf area beside the Splash Zone. To prevent damage from root systems, many trees and shrubs were removed, and the area was redesigned with river rocks and large stones for better visibility and aesthetics. The mini-golf course now offers extended hours on Friday and Saturday nights, and visitors might even encounter a mysterious creature lurking around the 5th hole.



Follow **City Parks of Clarksburg** on Facebook, visit **ClarksburgAMP.com** or call 304-624-1655 for more



City Board Vacancies

If you would like to be more active in your city, one excellent way to do that is to contribute your time as a member of a city board or commission. Currently, the following boards are looking for new members:

Urban Renewal Authority

Five commissioners appointed by the City Manager with the advice and consent of the City Council serve a five year term.

Meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month at 8:15 AM

Requirements: There are no special requirements to serve as a commissioner, any interested Clarksburg citizen is welcome to apply.

Application deadline: Open deadline until all positions are filled.

Parking Authority

Five members appointed by City Council serve a three year term

Meetings: As needed when quorum is available.

Requirements: There are no special requirements to participate on this board. Any interested Clarksburg citizen is welcome to apply.

Application deadline: Open deadline until all positions are filled.

Some boards may require specific qualifications. For more information check out the links to the boards and commissions above or contact the City Clerk 304-624-1673 awright@cityofclarksburgwv.com

Local Business Updates

Ella's Playtown

Ella's Playtown is now open at 206 Emily Drive in Clarksburg, delivering a dynamic new destination for children and families to enjoy together. Founded by Bita and Daniel Ramos to provide a consistent and captivating environment for their daughter Ella and the local community, this indoor play area offers a variety of activities that promote both fun and learning. Parents can relax while children engage in play that sparks creativity and energy.



The grand opening of Ella's Playtown introduces educational programs that encourage outside-the-box thinking, such as foreign language classes and cultural explorations. Additionally, the playtown stands out as a premier venue for family events and celebrations, offering complete party packages that manage everything from setup to cleanup. Visit Ella's Playtown for a unique blend of entertainment and education where community and fun converge.

Clarksburg Pizza Co

Clarksburg Pizza Co. proudly opened its doors in Adamston, bringing a fresh culinary delight to the community next door to the beloved Toni's Ice Cream. Celebrating with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 25th, the new pizzeria is conveniently located at 1704 W Pike Street. Founded by Clarksburg natives Adam



Barberio, Aaron Barberio, and Paul Howe—who also revitalized Toni's Ice Cream—Clarksburg Pizza Co. aims to become a neighborhood favorite. The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from noon to 9 p.m. on Sundays, offering both dine-in and carry-out options.

Building on the success and community support of Toni's, which has been a local staple since the 1950s, the owners of Clarksburg Pizza Co. are excited to extend their offerings to include not only pizza but also sandwiches, hoagies, salads, and more. With a strategy to attract a wide audience, the location's proximity to Route 50's exit ramps promises a regional draw. Adam Barberio notes, "Being right next to Toni's and near a major route gives us a great advantage. We're looking forward to making Clarksburg Pizza Co. a new landmark in the area."

Minard's Spaghetti Inn

The City of Clarksburg recognized Minard's Spaghetti Inn as a popular long-time family business operating in Clarksburg for 87 years.



In 1937, Michael and Rose Minard founded Minard's Spaghetti Inn. The following year, Michael's brother Samuel and his wife Agnes, who was also Rose's sister, joined the venture, solidifying it as a family business. Both couples worked tirelessly to ensure the restaurant's success. The tradition was carried on by the second generation: Joe Minard, Michael and Rose's son; Tressa Wolfe, Samuel and Agnes's daughter; and her husband, Stanley Wolfe.

Today, Minard's Spaghetti Inn remains in the family, owned by Sam Minardi and Mike Minard, with Heather Gillespie overseeing daily operations. The restaurant continues to prioritize the use of fresh ingredients, serving delicious dishes in a warm, welcoming atmosphere where customers are treated like family. On May 22nd, Minard's Spaghetti Inn will celebrate its 87th anniversary, having become a renowned landmark for fine, family-style Italian cuisine across the state.

It's Happening in Clarksburg

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE ROBINSON GRAND?

MAY / JUNE 2024



TICKETS:
THEROBINSONGRAND.COM
(855) 773-6283

First Fridays

First Fridays is a monthly all-weather event that takes place on the first Friday of each month. It's a community event aimed at promoting local businesses, arts, and culture in the downtown area.

Pop-up Paddle Every Thursday at Veterans Memorial Park

Weekly Pop-Up Paddles organized by Guardians of the West Fork Watershed returned to Clarksburg starting in April. Meeting up at Clarksburg's Veterans Memorial Park at the boat launch next to the ball fields every Thursday at 6PM.

Check Out What's Happening at The AMP

The Summer Season kicks off with two FREE shows at The Amp May 24 & 26. New ticketed shows still being announced. Learn more at: clarksburgamp.com

WVIHF Spaghetti 5K Run

Returning for its second year, happening Saturday, May 18 in Downtown Clarksburg. Race starts at 9:00AM

Signup: tinyurl.com/SpaghettiRun2024